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COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES '79: 356 GRADUATES

Avila College added 356 students to its alumni ranks during commencement exercises Saturday, May 5. Over 3000 family members and friends gathered to congratulate the honorees and to witness the presentation of diplomas.

Dr. Harold M. Voth, M.D., Psychiatrist and Psychoanalyst at the Menninger Foundation, gave the commencement address, "The Family Crisis in America." Dr. Voth stressed our respective roles in shaping society, our personal belief

in God and values to maintain strength and peace of mind, keeping in mind the influence each of us has on each other.

The family unit in America is changing. Our country is strengthened through commitment to the family. He asked each person to study social issues, take an interest and help influence the decisions to be made.

In closing he charged his audience to serve a higher purpose than themselves.



During the Honors Convocation the Avila Medal of Honor for leadership and service to the college was awarded to (l to r) Jan Geissler, '79 graduate; Dona Neuman, Chair of the Department of Social Sciences; Elizabeth Cress-Sweet, '79 graduate; Jo Pavich, purchasing agent; Art Schlumberger, maintenance engineer; and (not shown) Martin Merritt, '79 graduate.

STUDENT HONORS

The Honors Convocation was held Saturday, May 5 to recognize the achievements of the members of the college community. Graduates received pins and awards in traditional ceremonies.

Who's Who Among American Universities and Colleges received the nominations of Jan Elliott, Jan Geissler, Susan Hagerman, Debra Kern, Evette Landor, Martin Merritt, Kathie Miller and Elizabeth Cress-Sweet.

The Wall Street Journal Student Achievement Award was presented to Shirley A. Kleiner for Business and David L. Walker for Economics.

The Ariston Award for being the outstanding graduate was given to Evette Landor by her classmates.

Awards for recognition of ten years service to Avila were presented to Sister Una Marie, Librarian



Miss Lena Wikramaratne received a loving hug from Sister Olive Louise after being presented an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters Degree. Sister Marie Georgette, Chairperson, Department of Education and Psychology read the citation. Miss Lena has spent her life learning and teaching the Montessori Education concepts. Under her guidance Avila College began its Montessori teacher education program in 1962. Today it remains the only program in the U. S. associated with a four-year college.

and faculty members Ida Rose Feingold, Kathleen Neff and Martha Staker.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Orientation for new students
July 13-15

Registration for fall semester
August 20-24

Homecoming
October 5-7

Mass for deceased alumni
November 2

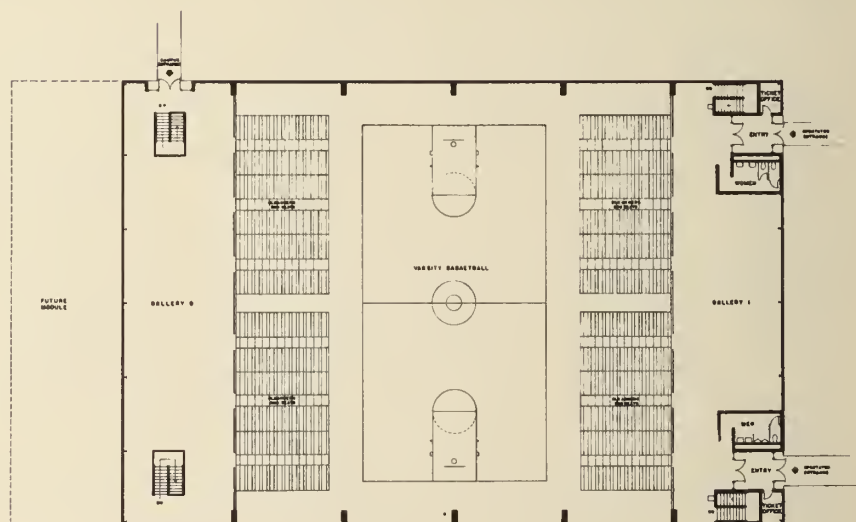
MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

AVILA RECEIVES GRANT

Avila College and the Kansas City, Missouri School District have received a 5-year grant for a teacher corps project. Its goal is to improve education by effecting change in classroom atmosphere and recognizing multi-cultures.

Teachers from Bancroft and Faxon Elementary Schools and Westport Junior and Senior High will take courses in Avila's graduate program in education. Also, through this project four interns will receive their Master's Degree and continue to teach in the schools.

The Mid-Continent Regional Educational Laboratory is assisting in the project which is expected to cost \$1 million.



Avila students have pledged \$50,000 toward the fieldhouse to help match the \$500,000 Mabree Foundation challenge grant. The gift will cover the cost of a wooden basketball court for the fieldhouse. Students are selling the floor at \$5 per square foot in an effort to meet the goal. Athletic teams and student organizations are busy contacting friends and family to help with this important project. Fund raising activities are planned for the fall. To date a faculty-staff basketball game and car wash have taken place. The students welcome any help you may be able to provide.

ORIENTATION PROGRAM - JULY 13-14-15

Students who have been accepted by Avila College for the fall semester and their parents are invited to a summer orientation program to be held Friday, July 13 through Sunday, July 15. Students will tour campus, meet faculty and staff and receive general information about Avila.

Students will be given an opportunity to receive academic advisement and complete the registration process.

Activities are planned including tours of Kansas City, a game at the Royals ballpark and a day at Worlds of Fun.

It's not too late . . . contact the Office of Admissions to find out how you can participate in the program. Phone 942-8400, extension 203.

For reservations contact the Office of Student Life, extension 260.